

**To:** Stalcup, Dana[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov]  
**From:** Fitz-James, Schatzi  
**Sent:** Thur 8/13/2015 2:22:09 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

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**From:** Stalcup, Dana  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 10:15 AM  
**To:** Woolford, James; Gartner, Lois; Gardner, Monica; Fitz-James, Schatzi  
**Subject:** Fwd: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

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**From:** "Rodrigues, Cecil" <[rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov](mailto:rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov)>  
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Thanks. Cecil.  
Cecil Rodrigues, Director  
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Iphone: 215.266.2960

**From:** Gaffney, Kristeen  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 7:58 AM  
**To:** Rodrigues, Cecil  
**Cc:** Driscoll, Stacie  
**Subject:** RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

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Kristeen Gaffney  
Chief, Brownfields and Land Revitalization Branch  
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1650 Arch Street  
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From: Rodrigues, Cecil  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:57 PM  
To: R3 HSCD-MGRS  
Cc: Ajl, Diane; Gray, Heather  
Subject: RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

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From: Rodrigues, Cecil  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:17 PM  
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From: Early, William  
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:06 PM  
To: Rodrigues, Cecil; Melvin, Karen; Pomponio, John; Wilkie, walter; Capacasa, Jon; Lueckenhoff, Dominique; Beers, Samantha; Dressel, Paul; Armstead, John A.; Libertz, Catherine  
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Please see attached message and follow up as appropriate  
Thanks  
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Date: August 12, 2015 at 12:10:04 PM EDT  
To: "Early, William" <[Early.William@epa.gov](mailto:Early.William@epa.gov)<<mailto:Early.William@epa.gov>>>  
Cc: "Lewis, Jacqueline" <[Lewis.Jacqueline@epa.gov](mailto:Lewis.Jacqueline@epa.gov)<<mailto:Lewis.Jacqueline@epa.gov>>>, "Searfoss, Renee" <[searfoss.renee@epa.gov](mailto:searfoss.renee@epa.gov)<<mailto:searfoss.renee@epa.gov>>>, "Ryan, Daniel" <[Ryan.Daniel@epa.gov](mailto:Ryan.Daniel@epa.gov)<<mailto:Ryan.Daniel@epa.gov>>>  
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Bill - Can you loop through with the appropriate Directors to ensure we are following this directive.

Thank you - Shawn

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Date: August 12, 2015 at 11:51:16 AM EDT  
To: "Blumenfeld, Jared" <[BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV](mailto:BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV)<<mailto:BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV>>>, "Curry, Ron" <[Curry.Ron@epa.gov](mailto:Curry.Ron@epa.gov)<<mailto:Curry.Ron@epa.gov>>>, "Enck, Judith" <[Enck.Judith@epa.gov](mailto:Enck.Judith@epa.gov)<<mailto:Enck.Judith@epa.gov>>>, "Garvin, Shawn" <[garvin.shawn@epa.gov](mailto:garvin.shawn@epa.gov)<<mailto:garvin.shawn@epa.gov>>>, "Hague, Mark" <[Hague.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Hague.Mark@epa.gov)<<mailto:Hague.Mark@epa.gov>>>, "Hedman, Susan" <[hedman.susan@epa.gov](mailto:hedman.susan@epa.gov)<<mailto:hedman.susan@epa.gov>>>, "McGrath, Shaun" <[McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov](mailto:McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov)<<mailto:McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>>>, "McLerran, Dennis" <[mclerran.dennis@epa.gov](mailto:mclerran.dennis@epa.gov)<<mailto:mclerran.dennis@epa.gov>>>, "McTeerToney, Heather" <[McTeerToney.Heather@epa.gov](mailto:McTeerToney.Heather@epa.gov)<<mailto:McTeerToney.Heather@epa.gov>>>, "Spalding,

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Good morning everyone,

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

If you have questions or wish to discuss a particular situation please reach out to Mathy.

Thank you.